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Docket No. 1046.1188/CJG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigeki HAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/138,378

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 4007

Filed: August 24, 1998

Examiner: G. Garcia

For: PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY PROCESSING A
PLURALITY OF PRINT DATA (as amended)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed December 23, 2003. A final Office Action was mailed September 24, 2003, having a period for response set to expire on December 24, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 24, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.